



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 74642
11 September 2013

Mr. Jason Leopold
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Dear Mr. Leopold:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 31 August 2013, which was received by this office on 3 September 2013, for "audio recordings and/or notes the NSA made or took of the 90-minute interview that took place recently between Washington Post reporter Barton Gellman and John DeLong, the NSA's director of compliance. Interview was noted in the Washington Post on August 15, 2013: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nsa-statements-to-the-post/2013/08/15/f4odd2c4-05d6-11e3-a07f-49ddc7417125_story.html." Your request has been assigned Case Number 74642. For the purposes of this request, you are considered a representative of the media.

Previously you submitted a request for the transcript of the interview between Mr. DeLong and Mr. Gellman, which this Agency processed under FOIA Case Number 74388. Our response to that request, dated 27 Aug 2013, advised you that there was no transcript. This request has also been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. We have consulted with the appropriate NSA/CSS organizations and were advised that there is no recording or transcript, ~~or~~ and no notes were taken during the DeLong-Gellman interview. Therefore, no records responsive to your request were located.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. The fact that we were unable to locate records responsive to your request may be considered by you as an adverse determination, and you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person notified of an adverse determination may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. To aid in processing the

appeal, it should reference the inability of the Agency to locate the records you seek, in sufficient detail and particularity, and the grounds upon which you believe this Agency maintains such records. The NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pamela N. Phillips". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being more prominent.

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS

Chief

FOIA/PA Office